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Reply in chron

LG Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director, CIA
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear GEN Walters,

I hardly know where to begin. I will amble on for a few lines as thoughts occur.

First of all, I have enviously followed your career for many years. Unfortunately our paths have never crossed since our last meeting at Camp Ritchie in class number 2 in 1942 where we shared the same tent. My own military career has been rather brief. I stayed with MI during WWII and during the Korean period in the Pacific, Europe, and in beautiful Oberammergau as an instructor. The rest of the time in the USAR program as a commander in Special Forces with many extended tours of duty, as you might well know, in many varied parts.

My family of three children, a girl born in Waynesboro while we were at Ritchie, is now 32 and married to an attorney in Oregon. Our son, Robert, is currently a senior classman at West Point, and our third daughter excels in mathematics at UCLA. Mrs Bernardi is well and very active physically. We both run most every evening with the marathon runs as our goal. I have participated several times in this grueling event and getting ready emotionally and physically for the next one.

Historical events of the past have brought your name to the limelight. Just a few days ago, an article appeared in the L A Times regarding your statement about the MIA servicemen. I was telling my class about your part in American history thus prompting this letter. Would you be so kind as to autograph the enclosed bookplate and return to us. If you have an inexpensive memento, card, picture, etc about your activities in the CIA and with the Nixon Administration, we would be most honored to have them.

Salute auguri,

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